

ACT - 015 - 001

January 13, 1976

MEMO FOR FILING:

Re: Uranium mines in the Green
River Uranium District
Emery County, Utah

Generally activity in Green River Uranium District has increased, new surface facilities such as buildings, load-out facilities, and utility lines are present. Among the operators posting signs, was Birch Mining Company. As soon as their headquarters address is found, they will be contacted regarding their reclamation plans.

One particular hazard was noted in Buckmaster Draw at an abandoned uranium mine. A powder magazine poorly constructed at best, had the lock broken on the door and inside, accessible to any passing individual, were eight to 10 cases of nitro-carbonitrate, an explosive. Apparently blasting caps were stored in the same magazine, though only an empty blasting cap box was found. The Industrial Commission will be notified of this hazard.

A map showing this mine locations is attached.

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LAND RECLAMATION

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cc: Industrial Commission